

Appl. No. : 10/696,244
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REMARKS

In an Advisory Action, the Examiner refused entry of an amendment to Claim 1 made in a first response to the Final Office Action. While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's reasoning, to facilitate allowance Applicants have canceled Claim 1 and solely rewritten allowable Claim 2 in independent form.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 4-18 are allowed and that Claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 2 has been rewritten to include the limitations of Claim 1. Claim 3 depends from Claim 2 and therefore includes all of the limitations of Claims 2 in addition to further distinguishing features. Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the amendment, Claims 2 and 3 are now allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request the same.

Applicants have already paid for the additional independent Claim 2. Accordingly, no fees are believed to be due. However, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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